

**Louisiana Tech University**  
**Three Hundred and Forty-Seventh Commencement**  
**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

**Processional “Pomp and Circumstance”**.....Edward Elgar, arr. R. Schultz  
Mr. Nathan Trahan  
Interim Director of Choral Activities and Vocal Music Education

**Marshals:** Mr. Reggie Jeter, Ms. Stacey Black, Mr. Stan McCaa,  
Dr. Heath Tims, Mr. Andrew Yepson

**National Anthem “The Star-Spangled Banner”**..... **Francis Scott Key**  
**Music by John Stafford Smith**  
Dr. Brandi Estwick  
Instructor of Voice and Diction

**Invocation** .....Rev. Michael Cloud  
Associate Pastor, Trinity Methodist Church

**Greetings and Commencement Introduction** ..... Dr. Donna Thomas  
Provost

**Commencement** ..... Dr. James B. Henderson  
President

**Commencement Address**..... Dr. Leslie K. Guice  
President Emeritus, Louisiana Tech University

**Hall of Distinguished Alumni Induction and  
Presentation of the Tower Medallion Award** ..... Mr. Devin Ferguson  
Assistant Vice President for Philanthropy & Engagement

**Recipients:**  
Justin and Jeanette Hinckley

**Presentation of Candidates for Academic Degrees**  
College of Applied and Natural Sciences ..... Dr. Gary Kennedy  
College of Business ..... Dr. Christopher L. Martin  
College of Education and Human Sciences .....Dr. Marita Apter-Desselles  
College of Engineering and Science ..... Dr. Colin Wick  
College of Liberal Arts .....Mr. Karl Puljak  
Graduate School .....Dr. B. Ramu Ramachandran

**Conferring of Degrees and Awarding of Diplomas**.....Dr. James B. Henderson  
Assisted by Mr. Joshua A. Chovanec, University Registrar  
Announcer: Mr. Douglas R. Postel

**Presentation of Commemorative Medallions**

**U.S. Air Force Commissioning** ..... Lt. Col. James C. Sprys  
Professor of Aerospace Studies, Commander, Air Force ROTC Det. 305

**Alma Mater**..... **John P. Graham**  
Dr. Brandi Estwick

**Benediction**.....Rev. Michael Cloud

**Recessional “Trumpet Voluntary”**.....**Jeremiah Clarke, Arr. P. Shin**  
Mr. Nathan Trahan



## **Commencement Speaker**

**Dr. Leslie K. Guice**  
**President Emeritus, Louisiana Tech University**



A Morehouse Parish native and the 14<sup>th</sup> President of the University, Guice assumed office on July 1, 2013, succeeding Dr. Daniel D. Reneau. He entered office with a rich personal and familial history with Louisiana Tech; his wife Kathy ('76 and '77) and sons Chad ('01), Kyle ('04), and Bret ('11) are all Tech graduates.

His journey to the President's Office began as a Tech student, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in architecture in 1976. His passion for engineering led him to complete a master's degree in civil engineering in 1978. Subsequently, he served as an assistant professor of civil engineering, earning promotion to associate professor in 1981. After obtaining his PhD in civil engineering from Texas A&M University, Guice assumed the role of interim department head of civil engineering in 1988, attaining a full professorship and becoming the permanent department head the following year.

Guice's dedication to the University was unwavering over the next decade. He served as academic director, executive associate dean, and dean, all within the College of Engineering and Science. It was his time in these administrative roles that paved the way to his appointment as Tech's vice president for research and development in 2004. In 2012, he was named executive vice president.

Guice retired December 31, 2023.

## **The Tower Medallion Hall of Distinguished Alumni**

*Louisiana Tech's Hall of Distinguished Alumni honors those who have achieved greatness in their professions, in community service, and in humanitarian activity while remaining steadfastly loyal to the University. The permanent display of the bronze plaques honoring inductees into the Hall is housed in the Marbury Alumni Center on the campus, and each inductee receives the coveted Tower Medallion. Symbolic of this honor, the Tower Medallion is the highest honor an alumnus of Louisiana Tech University can receive.*

### **Justin and Jeanette Hinckley**



Since the pair graduated from Louisiana Tech in 1978, this husband-and-wife dynamic duo has been lavish with their gifts to the University. This does not count the painting of handrails, the trees trimmed, the weeds pulled, the games and events attended, or the encouragement, practically each day, to staff and students.

These longtime supporters of everything Louisiana Tech become the University's newest Tower Medallion recipients today when they are inducted by the Louisiana Tech Alumni Association into Tech's Hall of Distinguished Alumni.

The Hinckleys qualify many times over for this honor. A graduate in computer science, Justin was named Tech's Alumnus of the Year in 2010. Jeanette was the University's Distinguished Alumna for the College of Education in 2016.

Justin worked at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft, Cities Services Co., United Technologies Research Center, and Mobil Oil in capacities ranging from programmer/analyst to systems manager. He started work at Cleco, an energy services company based in central Louisiana in 1988 as a staff programmer and moved up to analyst, manager of business services, and in 2000 was promoted to general manager of technology services, a position he served until his retirement in 2008.

During her career, Jeanette served as librarian and branch manager for libraries in Palm Beach Gardens and Tequesta, Florida as well as Calcasieu Parish. She also served as records manager for Mobil Oil in Lafayette and New Orleans, and later owned and managed Books, Etc. in Pineville. She is past president and secretary of the Pineville Rotary Club, a Lagniappe Ladies charter member and, along with her husband, is involved in many community activities and professional groups.

The University is both humbled and blessed by their example and through their friendship.

## CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

The names in this program were candidates for graduation as this program went to press. The names of those awarded degrees "*in absentia*" will not be called but may be noted on the program. The right-pointing triple angle symbol (»») indicates the candidate earned three degrees concurrently. The right-pointing double angle symbol (») indicates the candidate earned two degrees concurrently. The double solid square symbol (♦♦) indicates the candidate earned a double major. Those with the diamond symbol (◆) earned a perfect 4.0 GPA. Baccalaureate degree candidates with the lozenge symbol (◇) next to their name completed the University Honors Program. Those with an asterisk (\*) completed their degree requirements in association with the Barksdale Air Force Base Program.

### COLLEGE OF APPLIED AND NATURAL SCIENCES

Dr. Gary A. Kennedy, Dean

#### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE NURSING

Taylor MaCrae Allison, Shreveport  
Caroline Avery Barfield, Homer  
Brooke Baughman, Houston, TX  
Katelin Marie Beard, Shreveport  
Stephanie ReNia Bearden, West  
Macy Danette Belgard, Deville  
Caden Luke Blood, Pineville  
Olivia Grace Borland, Quitman  
Landon Dane Cooley, Lake Charles  
Emily Claire Crook, Bossier City  
Florence Mae Curaza, Quitman  
Sarah Catherine Doxey, Ruston  
Kirsten Elizabeth Ducote, New Iberia  
Ann Cherie Ellison, Rodessa  
Brooke Elizabeth Everett, West Monroe  
» Alyssa Makayla Farrington, Sibley  
Gracelyn Floyd, Hallsville, TX  
Allison Paige Freeman, Ruston  
John David Gray, Calhoun  
Charleigh Jo Hall, Homer  
Kelsey Elizabeth Hammock, El Dorado, AR  
Carter Wesley Hines, Shreveport  
Maecy Laurann Ingram, Bossier City  
Carlos Jenkins, Jr., Ruston

Jillian Lee Lavigne, Zachary  
Laura Jordan Lingefelt, Monroe  
Kennedy Louise Lively, Ruston  
» Christopher Lopez, Jonesboro  
Annabelle Elise McKinney, Delhi  
Katelyn Bryte Middleton, West Monroe  
Gavin Brian Mobley, Quitman  
Elizabeth Katharane Moreau, Natchitoches  
Lyndsay Marie Nutt, Bernice  
Lacey Nicole Peterson, Ruston  
Samantha Leigh Russell, West Monroe  
Allie Deanne Savage, Ruston  
Cedrica Ce'Nae Sims, Monroe  
Autumn Caroline Smith, Jonesboro  
Hope Alexis Smith, Ruston  
Samantha Elizabeth Stephens, Baton Rouge  
Ashley Parker Temple, Ruston  
Valrie Frances Terrell, Houston, TX  
Dixie Kate Venters, Farmerville  
Ciara Elizabeth White, Shreveport  
Rachel Kailee Edpao Woods, Monroe  
Taylor Wyatt, Jonesboro

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jared Keith Ashcraft, Fort Worth, TX  
◇ Da'Monique Bra'Nae August, Jeanerette  
◇ Elizabeth Claire Barton, Prairieville  
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Emily Cox, Benton  
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St. Francisville  
» Alyssa Makayla Farrington, Sibley  
Michael Lane Farthing, Shreveport  
Matthew Raj Florez-Bhandari, Monroe  
Samantha Rose Goldstein, McKinney, TX  
Emma Claire Green, Ruston  
Shani Akila Griffin, Houston, TX  
William Nicholas Heath, Rayville  
◆◇ Olivia Grace Hubbard, Lake Charles  
Kristin Nikole Jackson, Buna, TX  
Jamecia Monyae Jones, Monroe  
Mackenzie Errin Jones, Shreveport  
Christie Reshaun Kemp, Ruston  
Tara M. Kennedy, Highland, CA

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Sydni Elaine Lavespere, St. Francisville  
Caitlin Rae Lawrence, Benton

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Allie Morgann Leiendecker, Wooster, OH  
Jasmine Marie Lindsay, Alexandria

◇ Kayla Renee Lynch, Benton

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◇ Gracelyn Hunter May, West Monroe

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Nickolas Dane Moore, Rayville

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James Tyler Green, Sterlington  
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Riggs Easterling, Shreveport  
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Christian Lee Marsh, Minden  
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<p><b>THE GRADUATE SCHOOL</b> <b>Dr. B. Ramu Ramachandran, Dean</b></p>
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### **MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY** College of Business

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Hannah Siddika Imam, Ruston

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» Ariadna Blinova, Riga, Latvia  
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Dwan William-Scott Branson, Sicily Island  
Sravani Challa, Ruston  
Yufan Chen, Taishan, China  
Ashok Vardhan Reddy Chintagunta, India  
Christopher Louis DeGenova, New Orleans  
Kaitlyn Danielle Eads, Eros  
Jonah Fitzgerald, Pineville

Matthew Ryan Goodwin, Waterproof  
Rosie Gurung, Ruston  
» McKenna Wren Kim, Hallsville, TX  
Dale Roderick Major, Jr., Las Vegas, NV  
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Anwar Shafe, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
Gurmeet Sindhu, Jind, Haryana, India  
Huali Ye, Ruston

**DOCTOR OF EDUCATION**  
**College of Education and Human Sciences**

**Samuel Leron Speed, Ruston**

BS (1992) Louisiana Tech University  
MPA (2001) Grambling State University  
Dissertation: "The Impact of Institutional Support on African American Male College Students: A Phenomenological Analysis"  
Major Advisor: Dr. Patsy Hughey

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**  
**College of Engineering and Science**

**Meichen Liu, Shenyang, China**

BS (2012) Shenyang Pharmaceutical University  
MS (2017) Louisiana Tech University  
Dissertation: "Blow-spun Hybrid PCL-PEO/HNTs Scaffolds with Enhanced Biological and Mechanical Properties"  
Major Advisor: Dr. David Mills

**Tyler R. Priddy-Arrington, Nashville, TN**

BS (2017) Harding University  
MS (2022) Louisiana Tech University  
Dissertation: "Development and Characterization of Injectable, Cell-encapsulated Chitosan-Genipin Hydrogel"  
Major Advisor: Dr. Mary Calderera-Moore

**Ran Sun, Kunming, China**

BS (2012) East China University of Science & Technology  
MS (2016) Louisiana Tech University  
Dissertation: "Development of an Integrated Workflow for Nucleosome Modeling and Simulations"  
Major Advisor: Dr. Thomas Connor Bishop

**Navya Uppu, India**

BS (2016) Osmania University  
Dissertation: "Selective Targeting of Microglia by Quantum Dots and Green Syntheses of Metal Organic Biohydribs; Applications in Dynamic Cell and Assay Systems"  
Major Advisor: Dr. Mark Decoster  
Hooded by: Dr. David Mills

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
Lieutenant Colonel James C. Sprys**

Donald E. Martin III

**BACCALAUREATE DEGREE  
LATIN ACADEMIC HONORS**

**summa cum laude**

(cumulative GPA of 3.90 to 4.0 on all hours pursued - a diamond (♦) indicates a perfect 4.0 GPA)

Alexis Laine Bardwell  
Alexis Sierra Black  
Andrew Bolton  
Jacob William Calhoun  
Sara Lynn Chaisson  
Emily Cox  
♦ Julie Ann Cupples  
♦ Emilee Claire Davis

Andrew Freeman Dollar  
♦ Jordan Kay Hatter  
Kaylee Nichole Hibbard  
♦ Olivia Grace Hubbard  
Caroline Leigh Kingrea  
♦ Abigail Michelle  
Lechtenberg  
Lucas James Manuel

♦ Anthony Joseph Monistere  
Joseph Ty Pankey  
Tanner Blake Pike  
Tristen Brooke Russell  
Landri Faith Thomas  
Savannah Elizabeth  
Thompson  
Ashley Renee Tomlin

**magna cum laude**

(cumulative GPA of 3.70 to 3.899 on all hours pursued)

Lauren Elisabeth Adams  
Mary Anne Barrilleaux  
Elizabeth Claire Barton  
Joshua Caleb Chance  
Norman Frank Cook IV  
Adam Bain Cutrer  
Hannah Marie Dubois  
Karrington Nicole Elder  
Reagan Elizabeth  
Edwards  
Caleb Joseph Fortes  
Brooke Elizabeth  
Hampton  
Aiden Elliot Herzog

Seth Independence  
Gander  
Emily Alysse Johnson  
Braydan Isiah LaFleur  
Jasmine Marie Lindsay  
Carson Bradley Massad  
Gracelyn Hunter May  
Elizabeth Grace McBride  
Alexsandra Mendez  
Stephen Austin Mikovich  
William Steven Patrick  
Aaron Phillips  
Jordan Antony Rabun

Hannah Gayle Ray  
Matthew Jacob Rodrigue  
Alayna Rose Russell  
Jacob Paul Scheurer  
Yuna Shima  
Audrey Grace Smith  
Kelcie Nichole Sneed  
Carlos Ramón Torres  
Dueño  
Anahi Villafuerte  
Santiago  
Andrea Gail Wheat  
Daniel Walker Young

**cum laude**

(cumulative GPA of 3.50 to 3.699 on all hours pursued)

Jackson Ryland Adams  
Brooklyn Leigh Azlin  
Leah Danae Blanton  
James G. Colvin  
Riggs Easterling  
Carson Jack Fields  
Mary Alexis Fish  
Eleanor Alece Gladney  
William Nicholas Heath  
Jamecia Monyae Jones

Allie Morgann  
Leiendecker  
Peyton Matthew Lewis  
Kayla Renee Lynch  
Marilyn Chloe Marcus  
Taylor Blake McManus  
Brook Melnychuk  
Josie Anne Parker  
Grant Carl Saizan

Marissa Kaye  
Sampognaro  
Katie Alexis Smith  
Elizabeth Clare Stapleton  
Grayson Surles  
Spencer Lawrence Terry  
Elizabeth Ann Townsend  
Landry Elizabeth Wade  
Micah Cameron White

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE  
ACADEMIC HONORS**

**Distinction**

(cumulative GPA of 3.70 to 4.00 on all hours pursued)

Macy Danette Belgard

**Honors**

(cumulative GPA of 3.30 to 3.699 on all hours pursued)

Landon Dane Cooley  
Sarah Catherine Doxey  
Kirsten Elizabeth Ducote  
Alyssa Makayla Farrington

John David Gray  
Kennedy Louise Lively  
Samantha Leigh Russell  
Allie Deanne Savage  
Hope Alexis Smith

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*Academic Honors Regalia*  
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- Blue and gold honor cords worn by graduating business students recognize membership in the **Beta Gamma Sigma** International Honor Society. This society recognizes outstanding academic achievement in collegiate business and management programs accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB - International). Selection for membership requires the student to be in the top 10% of the undergraduate business class.
- Light-blue honor cords with light-blue tassels worn by graduating seniors signify a **Senior Honors Scholar**. The student successfully completed 9 semester hours of Senior Honors courses, including a Senior Thesis, while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.3, reviewed annually.
- White and royal blue honor cords with white and royal blue tassels worn by graduating seniors signify an **Honors Scholar**. The student successfully completed 21 semester hours of Honors Program courses while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.3, reviewed annually.
- Medallions on blue ribbons worn by graduates signify membership in **Phi Kappa Phi**, National Honor Society. Membership includes all academic disciplines and is limited to the top 5% of the junior class and the top 10% of the senior class.
- Medallions worn by graduates signify membership in **Mortar Board** and indicate distinction for academic achievement as well as outstanding community and university service during their senior year.
- Gold satin stoles with blue embroidery worn by graduating seniors signify membership in the **Golden Key** National Honor Society. Membership is open to all academic disciplines and is limited to the top 15% of the junior and senior classes.
- Red and blue honor cords with multicolored tassels worn by graduates signify membership in **Phi Alpha Theta** History Honor Society. Membership is interdisciplinary and offered to those students who successfully completed 12 or more semester hours of history with a minimum 3.1 GPA, and maintained a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA.
- White satin stoles embroidered with the orange Bent symbol worn by graduating engineering students recognize membership in **Tau Beta Pi** Engineering Honor Society. Selection for this honor is based on the student's engineering GPA being within the top one-eighth of all junior engineering students and within the top one-fifth in the senior year.
- Purple and gold honor cords with purple and gold tassels worn by graduating seniors signify membership in the **Phi Sigma Pi** Honor Fraternity. Membership is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors from all academic disciplines and requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, reviewed annually.
- Black and gold honor cords worn by graduating seniors signify membership in the **Gamma Beta Phi** National Society, recognizing academic achievement, leadership, and community service. Membership is interdisciplinary and requires scholastic ranking within the top 20% of the senior class.
- Red and purple honor cords worn by graduates signify membership in **Alpha Epsilon Delta** National Pre-Medical Honor Society. Membership is open to all pre-health profession students who successfully complete five academic terms with a minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA, reviewed annually.
- Gold honor cords with blue and gold tassels worn by graduating seniors signify membership in the **Psi Chi** National Psychology Honor Society. Membership is open to all psychology students who successfully complete a minimum of 9 semester hours of psychology courses with a minimum 3.0 GPA, rank in the top 35% of their class in general scholarship, and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- White pointed collars embroidered with the Bent symbol and the Greek letters XE, worn by selected engineering degree candidates, identify members of **Chi Epsilon** National Civil Engineering Honor Society. Membership is limited to civil engineering majors achieving a cumulative GPA placing them in the top 25% of the junior civil engineering class, and the top 33% of the senior civil engineering class.
- Bright red and gold honor cords worn by graduating business students identify members of **Beta Alpha Psi** National Honors Fraternity for Financial Information Professionals. Membership in the local Alpha Chi Chapter is limited to accounting majors achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or a 3.25 GPA in the most recently completed 30 semester hours; Finance and Computer Information Systems majors with minors in Accounting require a cumulative GPA of 3.25.
- Cream and burgundy cords worn by selected degree candidates identify members of **Kappa Omicron Nu** National Honor Society for Human Ecology majors. Membership is open to students enrolled in the Human Ecology disciplines with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and ranked in the top 25 % of their class.
- White satin stoles worn by graduating engineers identify members of **Alpha Pi Mu** Industrial Engineering Honor Society. Members achieved a cumulative GPA placing them in the upper one-fifth of their junior class and upper one-third of their senior class.

- Blue satin stoles with the scholastic aviation symbol and the Greek letters ΗΜΣ, worn by aviation degree candidates, signify members of **Eta Mu Sigma**, the National Collegiate Aviation Honor Society. Membership is restricted to Professional Aviation and Aviation Management majors who achieved a 3.5 cumulative GPA as a junior or a 3.3 cumulative GPA as a senior.

- White satin stoles with a multicolored crest and the Greek letters ΙΙΤΣ, worn by graduating engineers, identify members of **Pi Tau Sigma** Honorary Mechanical Engineering Fraternity. Membership is limited to mechanical engineering majors achieving a cumulative GPA placing them in the top 25% of the junior mechanical engineering class and the top 35% of the senior mechanical engineering class.

- White satin stoles with a maroon crest and the gold Greek letters ΩΧΕ, worn by graduating engineers, identify members of **Omega Chi Epsilon** National Honor Society for Chemical Engineering. Membership is limited to chemical engineering majors achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or the top 25% of the junior chemical engineering class, and 3.00 or the top 33% of the senior chemical engineering class.

- Navy blue and gold honor cords worn by graduating liberal arts seniors and graduate students identify membership in the Cast of **Alpha Psi Omega** National Honorary Theatre Society. This society recognizes outstanding academic and on- and off-stage performance achievements in areas of dramatic production. The student achieved a 3.2 cumulative GPA and an accumulated over 100 job rating system points based on work in various productions at Louisiana Tech University.

- Spanish gold and red cords worn by graduates identify members of Alpha Omega chapter of **Sigma Delta Pi** National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society. Eligibility for membership is restricted to those students who have demonstrated a genuine interest in Hispanic people, their civilization, and thought through the achievement of a minimum GPA of 3.0 in 21 or more semester hours of Spanish, with at least one course in Spanish literature or culture at the junior or senior level, and rank in the upper 35% of the senior class.

- Violet, gold, and lavender cords worn by graduating seniors and graduate students signify membership in the **Pi Mu Epsilon** National Mathematics Honor Society. Membership is open to students of all disciplines with completion of three or more college mathematics courses including calculus (with a mathematics GPA of 4.0 and top 25% general class ranking) or two years of college mathematics including calculus (with a mathematics GPA of 3.5 and top 33% general class ranking). Graduate students will have met the same criteria as undergraduate candidates with a 3.0 GPA on mathematics work completed during the last school year prior to membership.

- Gold cords with blue and red tassels worn by graduating engineers identify members of **Eta Kappa Nu** National Electrical Engineering Honor Society. Membership is limited to electrical engineering juniors ranked in the top 25%, and seniors ranked in the top third of the EE class. Along with outstanding scholastic achievement, students must have demonstrated exemplary character and involvement in campus activities.

- Green and ivory cords worn by degree candidates identify members of **Sigma Pi Sigma** National Honor Society for Physics. Membership is open to all students ranked in the top third of his/her class in general scholarship, with a minimum 3.2 GPA for all physics courses attempted, of which at least three or more are applicable to the undergraduate degree in physics.

- Green and white satin stoles with a green embroidered conifer tree and the gold Greek letters ΞΣΠ, worn by graduating Foresters, identify the Alpha Phi chapter members of **Xi Sigma Pi** National Forestry Honor Society. Membership is by invitation to junior and senior forestry majors achieving a cumulative GPA that places them in the top 25% of their class and who exhibit strong moral character, honesty, hard work, and faithfulness.

- An honor cord of deep blue with a hint of red worn by degree candidates identifies members of **Pi Delta Phi** French Honor Society. The society's goal is to promote French and to recognize scholarship in the various disciplines and future teachers of America. Membership is open to French majors, French Education majors, and French minors with a 3.0 average in French and a minimum 2.8 GPA.

- Maroon and black honor cords worn by degree candidates identify Rho Gamma chapter members of **Sigma Tau Delta** International English Honor Society. Members are English majors or minors who have completed a minimum of 12 hours in English language or literature beyond the level of freshman composition, with a minimum 3.0 GPA in all English coursework, and a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in all coursework.

- Black and gold honor cords worn by degree candidates in Kinesiology signify membership in **Phi Epsilon Kappa** Fraternity, Eta Eta Chapter. Membership is open by invitation to undergraduate and graduate candidates in Kinesiology and requires a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.